

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING AND MOBILE HOMES

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The Advisory Commission on Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes was created by Chapter 662, Acts of 1971, to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development concerning the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations prescribing standards for industrialized building units and mobile homes. The same Act provided for the inspection of the manufacturing facilities and the assemblies being produced. The Commission consists of fifteen members appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development and serve at his pleasure. Members serve three-year terms. Those included on the Commission consist of representatives of industries and professions involved in the development and construction of industrialized buildings and mobile homes, those selected from building code enforcement agencies, architectural and engineering associations, building construction trades, the contracting and manufacturing industry, legislative bodies of local government, the financial industry and the general public. The Commission submits an annual report to the Secretary and the General Assembly regarding rules, regulations and programs relating to the Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes Acts of 1971. The new HUD Mobile Standard which became effective on June 15, 1976 will supersede the Maryland standard for mobile homes, but the Commission may still make recommendations. These would be submitted to HUD for consideration (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 41, secs. 266 EE 1-4, 7, 8).

COMMISSION ON AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

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Originally known as the Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture, this Commission was created by Chapter 435, Acts of 1969, and consisted of seven recognized authorities on Afro-American history and culture appointed by the Governor and assigned to the Department of Economic and Community Development. Chapter 627, Acts of 1971, created a new Commission of nine members all appointed by the Governor for three year terms. The Governor designated both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. By an Executive Order dated December 27, 1971, the Commission was assigned to Morgan State College. The Commission was re-assigned to the Department of Economic and Community Development and its name changed to the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture by Chapter 386, Acts of 1974. Chapter 120, Acts of 1976, created the single purpose Commission on Afro-American History and Culture as a permanent Commission.

The present Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. The Governor designates both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman. The Commission is now an independent agency within the State Government.

The Commission acts as Statewide coordinator and clearinghouse in preserving remnants of the black experience in Maryland. It specializes in historical preservation and research, unearthing and collecting historical materials—art objects, memorabilia, manuscripts, photography, and any other articles of significance dealing with black history and culture in the state. The Commission provides art and historical exhibits in Annapolis and Baltimore. It also provides exhibits and resource materials to the community-at-large and local educational systems and institutions within the state.

The Commission has given leadership in the area of historical preservation of landmarks and sites related to black history in